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August 16, 1977

Dear Senator Stone:

This is in reply to your request to Bill Casey to ambassador Stedman.

You asked specifically whether information exchanged with the Cuban Government about terrorist plots included the handling actions to Haitian hijackers cleared by the FBI.

Although we cannot specify the details about the exchange we wish to assure you that we enter into this exchange with the clear purpose and intention of getting information of benefit to the United States to use against terrorism.

Cooperation is clearly to stamp out international terrorism. We do not believe the absence of diplomatic relations should bar such cooperation, particularly when it facilitates the efforts of our own law enforcement agencies.

In all exchanges of information with other governments about international terrorism we give highest priority to the protection of sources. We also have in mind the potential acquisition of further information of value to U.S. law enforcement agencies.

I hope you can accept our inability to be more forthcoming in responding to your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Brian Atwood
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Richard Stone,
United States Senate.

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